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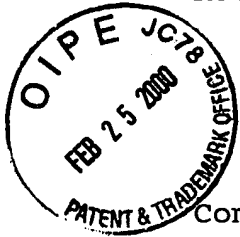
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Re: R.H. Hall & T.W. Selby
Serial No. 09/172,577
Filing Date 10/13/98
For INERT GAS BLANKET FOR
PROTECTION FROM OXIDATION

Attn: Group Art Unit 3682
Examiner Chong H. Kim

Supplemental Amendment



Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231:

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In supplement to the Amendment timely filed on Feb. 10, 2000 and received by the Office on Feb. 14, 2000, please further amend the specification of this application, as follows:

In the Claims

c1
16 (Twice amended). A method for controlling oxidative degradation of an oleaginous liquid substance in a generally enclosed, vented space in a working machine, which comprises providing [a] said working machine having said space; providing said oleaginous liquid substance; and [providing] blanketing said oleaginous liquid substance in said space with an inert gas blanket to [said space] control oxidative degradation of said oleaginous liquid substance.

c2
39 (Once amended). The method of claim [38,] 17, wherein said working machine is selected from the group consisting of said transmission box and said gear box.

c3
50 (Once amended). A method for controlling oxidative degradation of an engine oil in a crankcase of an internal combustion engine, which comprises providing said engine oil to said crankcase; and [providing] blanketing said engine oil in said crankcase with an inert gas blanket to [said crankcase] control oxidative degradation of said

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